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**Group Art Unit 2619**  
**Mail Stop: Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No.: 10/661,218; Filed: September 12, 2003  
For: **Tunneling Protocols For Wireless Communications**  
Inventors: BIMS *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1875.7300001

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p);
2. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
3. Form PTO/SB/08A (1 sheet) listing forty-two (42) documents (US1-US42);
4. Form PTO/SB/08B (1 sheet) listing four (4) documents (NPL1-NPL4); and
5. Copies of cited documents (NPL1-NPL2).

The above-listed documents are filed electronically through EFS-Web. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Fee payment is provided through online credit card payment. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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- ☐ 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3).
- ☒ 7. Copies of documents NPL1-NPL2 are submitted. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), no copies of U.S. patents and patent application publications cited on

the attached IDS Forms are submitted. In addition, documents NPL3-NPL4 are co-pending applications that are available for viewing by the Examiner on the USPTO's IFW system, therefore copies of documents NPL3-NPL4 are not enclosed.

- ☐ 8. Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in an IDS that complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)-(c) in Application No.\_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).
- ☒ 9. It is expected that the examiner will review the prosecution and cited art in the parent application no. 10/044,016 filed January 11, 2002 (now U.S. Pat. No. 6,788,658) in accordance with MPEP 2001.06(b) and requested that examiner will review the prosecution and cited art in the sibling application nos. 11/819,138 filed June 25, 2007, 10/663,167 filed September 15, 2003 (now U.S. Pat. No. 7,236,470), 10/661,107 filed September 12, 2003, and 10/661,163 filed September 12, 2003, and indicate in the next communication from the office that the art cited in the earlier prosecution history has been reviewed in connection with the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed IDS Forms, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon E. Wright", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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